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Senior dies in Kennisis blaze

Smoke inhalation blamed for death of Stewart MacDonald, 88

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Charles Stewart MacDonald, an elderly man who lived on Kennisis Lake Rd., died Thursday morning from smoke inhalation in a fire that consumed his small cottage home.

Details are sparse at this point but the matter is being investigated by members of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office with the assistance of the Haliburton County-Kawartha Lakes Crime Unit. Foul play has been ruled out but the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Dysart firefighters were called to the blaze at 2:24 a.m. but did not find the

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Bonnie View one of Toronto Sun readers' fave resorts

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Local businesses are continuing to crack some of the most prestigious lists this country has to offer. Several weeks ago, *Patient News*, a Haliburton-based company that distributes newsletters to dentistry practices, learnt it was one of Canada's Top 100 Employers. And now the Bonnie View Inn, a resort on South Kashagawigamog Road., has finished

See **Bonnie View** page 3



Deep thinking

Should he get the new Game Boy? Or maybe the robotic dog? Or new clothes? Hmmm.... this young lad was in deep thought as he sat on Santa's knee in Wilberforce this weekend. For more Wilberforce Santa photos, see inside. Photo, Darren Lum.



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Fire victim known as a talented carver

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body until the fire had calmed, at 5:24 a.m.

Better known as "Stewart" to his friends, the 88-year-old was described as a "very stubborn, very loving old man" who was an exceptionally talented carver.

"He was a beautiful carver," says Gail Goldenberg, a friend and neighbour who lives on Watts Rd, about a 5-minute drive from MacDonald's home. "All his carvings are gone, destroyed."

Goldenberg talked to MacDonald the night before the fire at about 7 p.m. He told her he was feeling well and that the day before he got his mail and even went into town for a few groceries. MacDonald asked Goldenberg if her son could snowblow his driveway for him the following day.

"He used to do it himself but he hadn't been up to it in the last year," says Goldenberg, who talked to

MacDonald on a frequent basis. "He looked after himself pretty well."

Goldenberg ended their last conversation the way she always had, telling him that if she didn't talk to him tomorrow, she would surely be thinking of him. The next morning a neighbour called Goldenberg, telling her that a fire had occurred in the area where MacDonald lived. When she arrived at the site, she was greeted by numerous police officers and fire department officials.

Goldenberg had first become friends with MacDonald in 1999 when she worked as a personal support worker for his wife. She says that when his wife died so did a part of MacDonald.

"He was very dedicated to his wife," says Goldenberg. "When his wife died, that was his life. When she died it was like his heart was taken away."

Goldenberg also said that MacDonald refused to live in a nursing home because of his love for the area, his independence, and his home.

MacDonald is survived by his daughter and grandson who live in the Stony Creek region of southern Ontario; both children had apparently come for a day's visit the previous Sunday.

Goldenberg says MacDonald did a variety of jobs in his younger days, including being a farmer and an army drill sergeant.

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news and events worth noting

Ever thought about trying out for a part in a local play but you're worried because you've never acted before? Lindsay Little Theatre is hosting "Acting For Fun," a stimulating introduction to acting taught by Frank Smith. The program will be run Thursdays from January 5 to 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Lindsay Little Theatre, 55 George Street in Lindsay. The class is limited to 20 adults. The cost is \$40. To register call Angie Clark at 705-324-0859.



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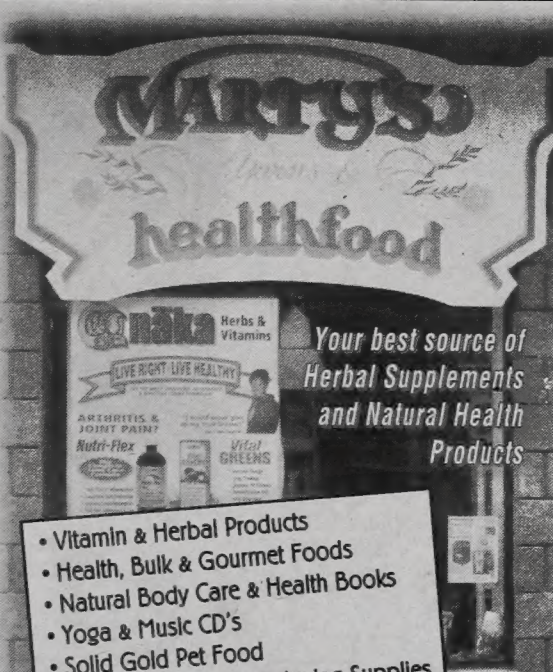
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County gets first peek at budget today

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County councillors will be getting their first look at the 2006 preliminary budget on Wednesday, December 13. All departments will present their wish list for the new year.

These meetings are usually not well attended. To encourage more people to get involved in the budget process, councillors agreed to hold a public meeting that was more like an open house. People will have the opportunity to ask questions directly of staff and politicians.

The meeting will be held one night in the new year.

Ambulance base addition is on County's wish list

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

One of the items on the Haliburton County budget agenda is an addition at the Haliburton EMS base.

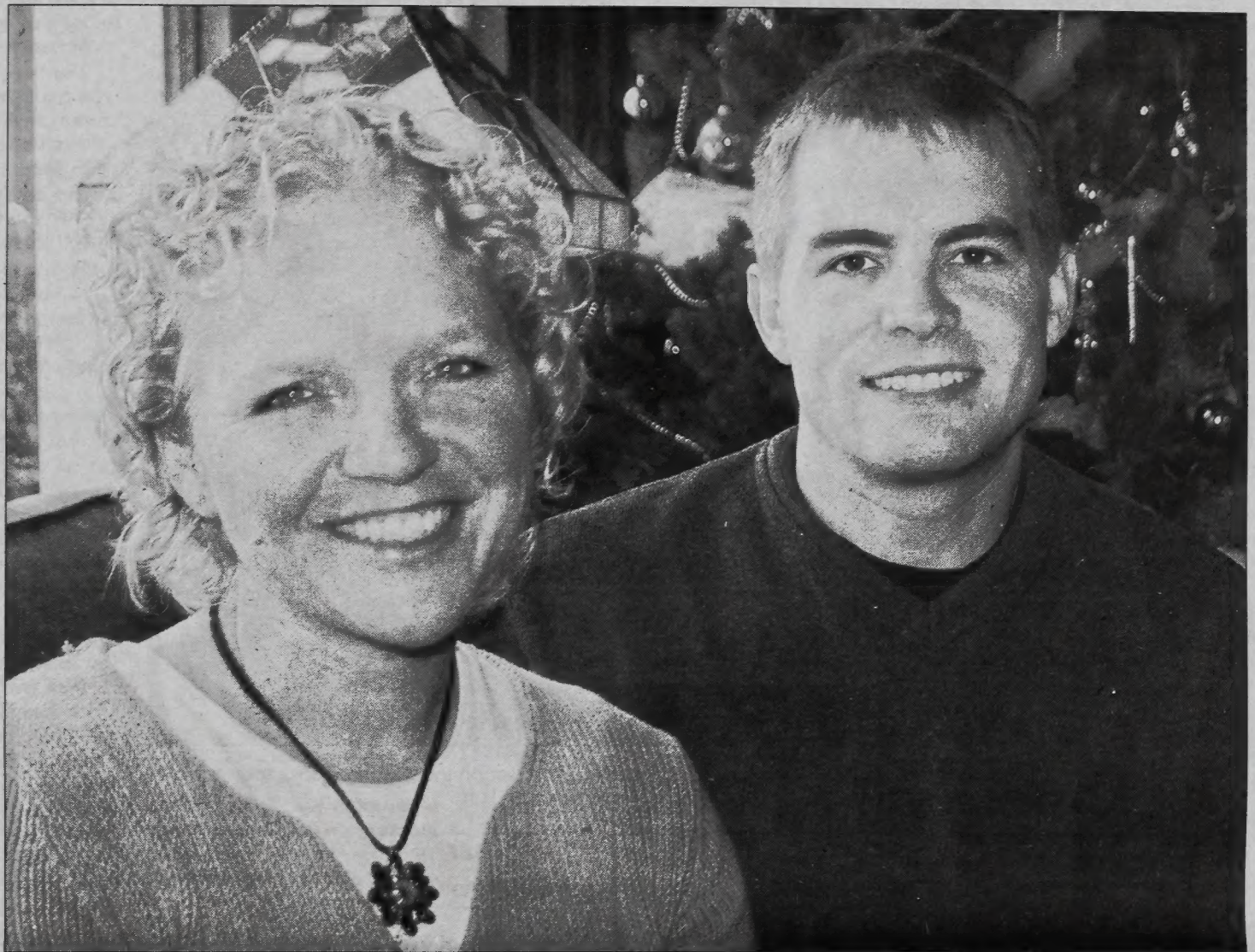


Bob English

EMS director Bob English says he's pleased with the design that Shane Sisson presented for the two-storey, 600 square-foot addition. The main floor will provide space for another ambulance (which is presently kept at the fire hall next door), administration offices, washrooms and receptions. The second storey will be used for staff training.

It is estimated to cost \$336,000.

The EMS department might be needing a new space in Minden but it got a year's extension on the current lease while the various options are explored.



Owners Andrea Hagarty and Monte Miscio were thrilled when they found out they were voted the third most popular resort in Ontario by a Toronto Sun reader's poll.

Bonnie View earns bronze award in Toronto newspaper promotion

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among the elite in *The Toronto Sun's* 2005 reader's choice awards. Co-owner Andrea Hagarty says she was flabbergasted when she opened the Toronto paper on Dec. 1.

"It's so cool," says Hagarty, who owns the resort with husband and head chef Monte Miscio. "I got a whole ton of phone calls that day."

The *Sun's* reader choice awards has become a highly popular list in which readers in the Greater Toronto Area can vote on anything from their favourite tattoo parlours to their favourite sports figures. The Bonnie View Inn got the bronze medal in the category of "Best Ontario Resort and B&B", tying with the Horseshoe Resort in Orillia. First and second place in the category went to, respectively, Alliston's Nottawasaga Inn and Muskoka's Cleveland House. What distinguishes Bonnie View Inn's accomplishment is that it is considerably smaller than its competitors and gener-

ally less well-known. The recent recognition, however, is expected to be a boon for the already successful business.

The honour is all the more special considering it was only recently that the couple bought the resort from long-time owner Peter Mavroukas. The story of how the purchase came about is another testament to how well they've run it over the years. Mavroukas reluctantly sold the resort when Hagarty and Miscio made it known that they were looking to start a business of their own. Knowing how valuable they were, and thinking about the best long-term interest of the resort, Mavroukas offered to sell it rather than find somebody new to manage it.

The Bonnie View Inn sits on five acres of land on the southern shore of Lake Kashagawigamog and has 22 rooms. It also has a lavish restaurant with a clear view of the water. Hagarty attributes her reader's choice success to having a "small and personal" place that fosters a

sense of intimacy. She also has consciously tried to get the Bonnie View name out by regularly advertising in the pages of *The Sun*.

"And our food," she adds, "we have great food."

Hagarty decided to work at the Bonnie View Inn for the summer of 1993, just after she finished university (she studied psychology). She had planned to go back to school but her plans were derailed when she met Miscio who was also working there.

The couple stayed at the Inn for a couple of years, then went out west to work at a ski resort. In 1997, Hagarty returned and became general manager of the inn while her husband took over the head chef position.

Now that they've been given the keys to the resort and new-found popularity in the media, it's the beginning of a new chapter for the couple.

"I'm scared but very excited," Hagarty says.

Fifty-six people charged in first week of RIDE

The Highway Safety Division of the Ontario Provincial Police released statistics for the first week of the festive season driving initiative for all OPP jurisdictions in the province of Ontario.

During the first week (November 25 - December 1) of the five-week R.I.D.E. program which runs until January 2, 2006, a total of 98,774 vehicles were

checked at roadside checkpoints. A total of 124 12-hour suspensions were issued and 56 persons were charged with alcohol-related drinking and driving offences, a decrease of four from the same period in 2004.

There were six fatal collisions investigated by OPP personnel where six people were killed during the first week of

this year's initiative compared to eight fatal collisions with nine persons killed last year. Of the six fatal collisions, one was determined to be alcohol-related.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment stopped 747 cars during the first week of the program. Two people were charged with drinking and driving-related offences and received 90-day

ADLS suspensions. Two twelve-hour suspensions were also issued along with nine other charges (Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Licence Act and others).

The Ontario Provincial Police remind motorists that tragedies caused by drink drivers are preventable.

This season, the OPP is asking you to join in the campaign.

Lower voting age, high school students say

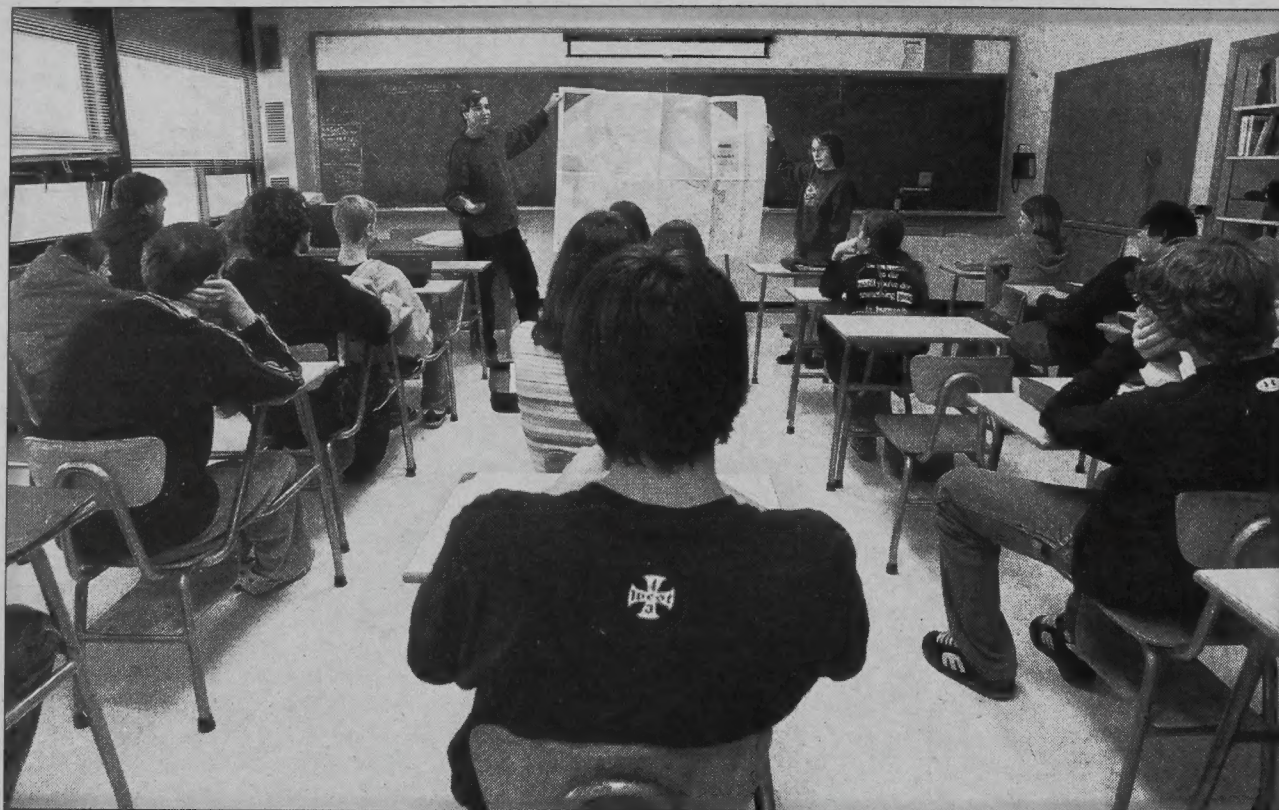
Seventy-five per cent of students in civics class say they'd vote if they could

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Educating the youth on politics is bringing about demands to lower the voting age.

Apathy seemed to be at an all-time high in the last federal election which saw 30 per cent of voters under 25



Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, when discussing the upcoming election, said they were in favour of lowering the voting age so they can really participate. Photo, Darren Lum.

exercise their democratic right. One resolution proposed is to lower the eligible voting age to 16.

Seventeen-year-old Student Activity Council (SAC) Co-Captain Stephanie Foster of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is all for it. She believes it's pointless to learn about the political system when there is no way to use this education. She's heard the immaturity argument and feels choice is at stake.

"The people who are not mature enough [to vote] won't vote. And those who are mature enough will feel empowered and would vote," she said.

"What bugs me is when people who don't vote complain about the government," Foster said.

Sparked by an article in *The Toronto Star* a few weeks ago, HHSS Grade 10 Civics teacher Roland Zilla discussed the possibility of lowering the eligible voting age to 16 with his class.

His students were in favour. His class dedicates a lot of class time to learning about Canadian politics, including the electoral process. Zilla said they are more educated and ready to vote than young people aged 18 to 24 who are not required to study politics at the post-secondary level.

From an informal poll in his class, he learned that 75 per cent of them would vote if eligible.

Local candidates in the riding are hesitant about lowering the eligible voting age to 16. They all agree it might be one factor in resolving low voter turnout among young voters.

Liberal candidate Greg Walling said, "It's something to look into, but I'm not sure it's something to rush into. The way we push kids through school quicker now and the added responsibility and the fact that a lot of more of them work now than they ever did. And because they work they end up paying taxes — I think it's something we should consider."

New Democratic Party candidate Anne MacDermid believes lowering the voting age must also include an entirely new atmosphere before the concept can even be considered.

"It's not a bad idea. It's not a bad idea at all, but I feel that if we're going to do it then we have to do a lot more ground work to prepare our young people," she said.

She adds that education is the key and that everyone in society, from parents, to the formal education system to the federal government, need to be responsible in teaching the youth, in creating the necessary atmosphere for engaging young people. That isn't happening right now she said.

Arguments for lowering the age include the fact that 16-year-olds can drive, can join the Canadian Forces Reserves and can drop out of high school.

"If you're old enough to drive a car, and old enough to join the Canadian Forces [Reserves], I can see an argument to say you're old enough to vote. But I would also put the caveat on that if we are going to lower the age to 16 we adults in society have to do a lot more work to prepare them," she said.

MPP Barry Devolin, the local Conservative representative, wants young people to tell him what they want.

"It's an interesting idea to reduce the voting age. I'm not yet convinced it's the right thing to do," Devolin said. "If you found it wasn't working out it would be very difficult to change it back," he said. "I need to be convinced that it's a good idea. I've heard some good ideas. I would like to take the time to read some of the counter-arguments as to why it is not a good idea."

Earlier this month he announced his key project for the upcoming year to form a Young Citizen's Committee for Democratic Renewal comprised of teens and 20 year olds to get that viewpoint. Before that happens he wants to investigate the issue more before making a judgment. A planned questionnaire he expects to send out this spring, if re-elected, will ask the public to give a yes or no to 10 to 15 questions such as lowering the voting age and mandatory voting.

Following the announcement of the election, Zilla received a package of maps and information on the candidates, and ballot cubicles and boxes for a mock election that the students will be participating in on the last day of school before the holidays, Friday, Dec. 23.



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Race may come down to Liberals and Conservatives

Local riding expects to be one of several key ridings for party victory

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The race between the local Conservative and Liberal candidates in this Christmas federal election campaign promises to be a dandy. Last time around, in June 2004, rookie conservative candidate Barry Devolin upset three-term Liberal incumbent John O'Reilly, beating him by about 5,000 votes in a riding where about 50,000 actually voted. This time Devolin is the incumbent and faces first-time Liberal candidate Greg Walling.

Walling is the 44-year-old founder of Star Choice, a provider of digital satellite television, and describes himself as someone dressed in red who shares many moderate conservative views. He says he is fiscally conservative, meaning "very" cautious of debt, but finds himself on the left on many social issues. Many in the county know him for his environmentally conscious work on the Frost Centre Committee. In his hometown of Lindsay he is well-known for his efforts as chief fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club.

"When you help people out that don't have as much, I don't call that charity," says Walling. "I call that an investment so they can break their cycle and they can contribute to society."

He believes in the right of gays to marry but says that this hot-button issue is not a priority for him. Instead, he prefers to focus on the staggering statistic that 25 per cent of children in this riding live below the poverty level. Another



At left, Conservative incumbent Barry Devolin and Liberal candidate Greg Walling, at right, will duke it out in what is proving to be a key riding for both parties.

priority for Walling is to earn back the public's trust in government.

"The most important thing in my mind, is the lack of leadership in government," says Walling. "I think there is tremendous public cynicism toward all the politicians."

Devolin says his number one legislative priority is to continue work on his private member's bill that calls for a national food strategy. Devolin started out with an interest in protecting family farms but has since branched out to



include initiatives surrounding food safety and nutrition.

"It's an area I think needs some attention and it's a commitment I made to the local farm community," says Devolin. "When you start talking about food, it's relevant to everybody."

Devolin also wants to highlight his past accomplishments during the campaign, such as creating a non-partisan farm council and the "Capital Experience", offering local high school students the opportunity to experience

Parliament Hill with their MP for a few days.

The two candidates are keenly aware of the large senior demographic in the riding. Both have promised to be strong advocates for healthcare in the region. Walling, vice-president of the doctor recruitment committee in Lindsay, feels one has to lobby hard to get dollars into a riding like this to ensure that seniors have the facilities to make retirement a "comfortable and fulfilling life." Devolin recently sent out 2,500 letters to the Greater Toronto Area attempting to entice doctors into the area. He also wants to work more closely with the various doctor recruitment teams in the riding, although he concedes it can be difficult because municipalities are often competing against one another.

"They are the leads on this but I'm looking to supplement their efforts," says Devolin.

Walling also says he wants to learn more about the business environment in the constituency. He is particularly concerned about the decline in the manufacturing facilities offered.

"That is affecting everybody's life because it's affecting the way taxes are generated in each municipality," says Walling.

If it's true the results on January 23 depend heavily on several key seats in Ontario, then the race between Walling and Devolin is likely to be among the most closely watched in the country.

Next week The Echo will examine the platforms of the NDP and the Green Party.

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This story touches all of us. It was just over three years ago that Currie set out down Buckhorn Rd. during an early snow fall. He wasn't drunk. He

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editorial

by lance crossley

wasn't driving carelessly. It was the middle of the day and he was only trying to get to Peterborough to meet up with his former university rugby

teammates for a reunion. The patch of ice that sent his car into the oncoming lane, where a pick-up truck was fast approaching, was not reserved solely for this young man. It was reserved for any of us and all of us.

Some people will comfort themselves by saying that Currie's accident was meant to be, that it was his destiny to be in that car so he could become a hero to those who suffer and an inspiration to the medical field. But that is more of a consolation to onlookers than to Currie. Deep down we all know that there is something indecent in believing that his life is a demonstration.

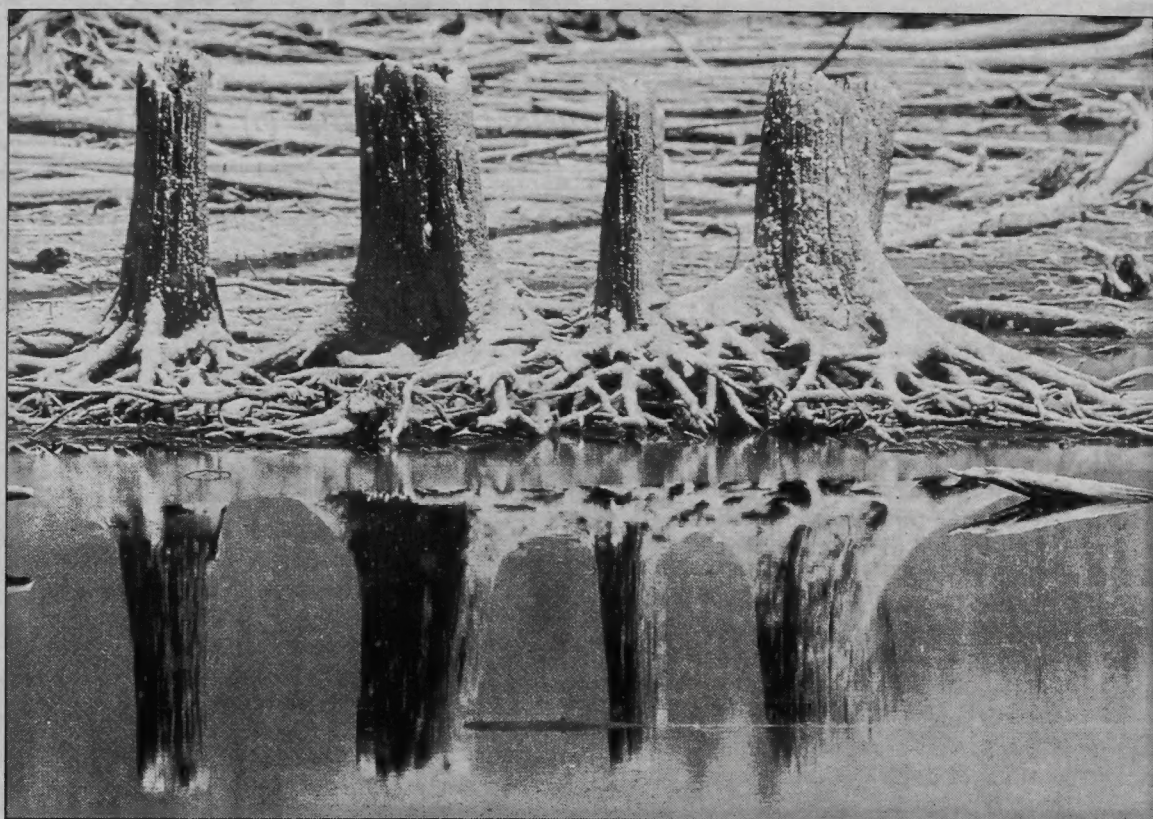
Is Currie deprived of the taste of food and the basic dignity of dressing himself so that the rest of us can comfort ourselves with thoughts of how lucky we are or how science is evolving for accident victims? Would you be thinking that while your dinner is being fed through a surgically implanted tube in your stomach? Would you think that as you watch your friends getting married and having careers while you deal with the unbearable pain of a left brain stem stroke? Let us not forget that this a man still fighting for his life.

This is a real human being who deserves all the basic entitlements the majority of us take for granted. What happened to Currie was cruel, random, unfair, and far too much for any one man to have had to experience. Nobody should have to suffer what he had to. The fact that it was Currie driving down Buckhorn that day, and not you or I, should trouble us as much as it does Currie.

So what are we left with? What remains when our comprehension of an event is utterly insufficient?

Love and hope. Not even the accident that left him for dead could take this away from Currie. It's all he has and even though we may not know it, it's all any of us really have. The love bestowed upon Currie by his family, personal support workers, and medical professionals is the reason he is sometimes glad to still be alive. That, and the hope that he may one day walk and lead a life that is, if not adequate, at least tolerable and more livable.

Jeff's hope is our hope.



Tree stumps and reflections.

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Passages

Trends come and trends go; most just fade away; others can subtly reconfigure patterns in our lives. The Christmas celebrations, whether religious ceremonies or just secular, are being bombarded from many directions. Opposing forces are gathering momentum. One aspect, however, may just be slipping through the cracks and, when we finally realize how things have changed, we may wonder what we have lost.

The economic forces that we are constantly being told are paramount in creating our 'good life' have latched on to a 'win-win' campaign. All we the public need to do is buy and the engine that drives our economy and well-being will run smoothly. This conglomerate of forces, from those who think up the latest items to those who retail them, appeals with ever-greater imagination to our wish to celebrate the traditions of Christmas without the effort that made them so memorable in past times.

Take the Christmas tree. Some people surely benefit from an imitation tree with lights attached, but this year it seems the already decorated imitation tree is coming close to achieving 'in-thing' status. The merchants certainly have little trouble selling us on this new addition to the holiday spirit because it is so convenient. No more excitement, however, over choosing a tree — be it Charley Brown style or perfect beauty. No more laughing and wrangling over the decorating. Such memories will not be. It is, however, such a time-saver.

Then comes Christmas morning. What a wondrous sight. Soon that sight may become nothing but a multitude of gift certificates fluttering around the tree. Without question, gift certificates can be a welcome addition when used judiciously. This year, however, they are swamping the marketplace. Good for everyone, the public relations people tell us — because they simplify shopping. A plus all

round? Not quite. There's not much to shake or poke. Future Christmas mornings may turn into a guessing game: who from, and how much? That is, if the trend continues.

Christmas dinner. We can now order it complete and cooked. And have it delivered to our door just before we gather round the table. No more kitchen camaraderie, no more need

for offerings from others present. It goes without saying that such a service can at times be a life-saver but the advertising is seductive. This new offering, which seems to feed on minimum effort for maximum reward, is in danger of taking from the Christmas celebration one of its most cherished aspects — the companionship that comes from sharing.

Besides the activities surrounding this Yuletide there is the memory of Christmases past, something that binds families and friends together even when later they are far apart.

Each Christmas, when our family gathers, memories are part of the day. A notable one comes from the year my mother served her much-loved dark fruit cake, made months before, only to realize that she had not put in the cinnamon but, mistakenly, cayenne pepper. Whew, hot cake! One year early in our marriage, lacking funds and wanting to decorate for visitors, we gathered up some mailing tubes. Bill sprayed them with gold, ran electrical fittings through each, and set a candle-shaped light on top. Then we tried to stand them up. A hilarious task, and so it has remained each year. Each year of struggle adds its memories — some disastrous, some joyful, all helping to give the season its special nature.

What traditions, what kind of crazy times, joyous times, solemn times, will future Christmases contribute to memories if the thrust of the weeks ahead and the day itself is just to get through it with ease of effort being paramount?



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Leader of the pack

I'm pleased to announce that just last Saturday a new addition arrived in our household. Dixie, our new black lab pup, and Carol, my wife, are both doing well. Our English springer spaniel, Callie, on the other hand, has resorted to attention-seeking behaviour. That's right, she's suddenly behaving herself.

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about graft. Of course, it was in a canine, you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours sort of way. Though I love her, she's a small time hood.

Dixie, however, has changed all that. She is the eight-week-old daughter of a service dog. A street smart and proper young lady who was instilled with fine manners, a good education, and a working knowledge of the basic commands: she will come when called, understands the word "no", and is essentially paper-trained. My wife notes that this makes her far more advanced than I and most of my fishing buddies are.

Just as I suspected, Dixie was going to make us all look bad. Of course, when we saw how well Dixie behaved on the three hour drive home, I was sure that all that was going to end upon meeting Callie. I figured they'd meet, Dixie would say something appropriate like, "Good day, Madam. My name is Dixie and my hobby is being a good dog."

Callie, I suspected would then answer by snapping her toes in Dixie's face, lighting up a smoke, sipping some bourbon, and then saying, "Look kid, I don't know what they taught you in that fancy reform school of yours but around here we do things different, see?" Before long, I predicted, Dixie would have a tattoo and chain smoke. I figured she'd fold to peer pressure.

In fact, it turned out to be the complete opposite. Dixie has taken charge.

And not just of Callie either - I only sleep in my bed now because she needs my body heat. Come summer, I figure I'm either on the couch or running the fan.

That's no surprise though. If you know me, you know I have a soft spot for dogs; I believe it's on the top of my head. But Callie I thought would be different.

I'm not exactly sure what Dixie said to Callie but she definitely put the fear of God into her; which by the way is Dog to the dyslexic. I'm thinking she said something like, "Don't let my size fool you, I've got serious mob connections."

It might not be true, but I'm not betting on it either. Dixie just looks the type. Meticulously groomed with nerves of steel, and with this calculating stare that says, "I'm watching you," she often walks up to Callie and shoulders her out of the way. She could just as easily walk around her, but I believe she wants to "make a statement" if you know what I mean.

I don't know this for sure, but I wouldn't doubt if Callie was now paying her protection money and giving her a cut of the east side dog biscuit action.

Just the other day, she was playing with her favourite ball when Dixie walked up to her and took it over—just like that. Callie simply backed away, but not before sending a glance my way that said, "Look, I'll only turn witness if you can guarantee me federal protection. A new identity and a home somewhere near a marsh would be a good start."

Even if I could provide these things, however, I don't think Callie would talk.

No, instead she seems to have given up on her punk ways. She now listens implicitly, stays out of trouble, and acts very respectful—to Dixie. To the rest of us, however, she's still the same old dog.

Even Dixie's calm mannerisms seem to have rubbed off on my formerly-hyper springer spaniel. Callie, on seeing the respect lavished upon Dixie, has realized that this sort of thing might work for her, too. When Dixie naps, Callie naps, when Dixie plays, so too does Callie.

The truth is, I think Callie has recently been initiated into "The family." I believe she is now a Capo.

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letters to the editor

Shooting holes in pot boat

To the Editor:

Re: Dave Switzer's letter on marijuana, *Haliburton Echo* October 18, 2005.

I am going to have to shoot holes in his boat. The diatribe of reasons why marijuana should remain illegal was full of outdated and badly skewed data and outright lies.

The *Chronicle Herald* reported that because cannabis smoke has THC as an active ingredient it seems to have an inhibiting effect against carcinogens whereas nicotine has the opposite effect. "Current knowledge does not suggest that cannabis smoke will have carcinogenic potential comparable to that resulting from exposure to tobacco smoke," said Robert Melamede, chairman of biology, University of Colorado.

The study that indicated a five-fold increase in depression did not take into account the fact that many women who use marijuana every day are medical patients who may have serious reasons to be depressed.

The infertility myth has gone around for many years but it is just that: a myth. People have smoked marijuana for thousands of years and it hasn't brought about the end of mankind yet.

In April of 2002 Dr. Peter Fried published his findings in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* that debunk the theory that heavy use of marijuana can impair brain functions, memory and intelligence. Furthermore, a second article published in the July '03 *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society* on a study conducted by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research at University of California San Diego School of Medicine backs up Dr. Fried's findings.

Marijuana is less addictive than cigarettes, alcohol, nicotine, or caffeine, all of which cause the same symptoms of withdrawal that you see with any other addictive drug and yet I don't hear Mr. Switzer screaming for their ban. We must demand that the government listen to what the people want and not to what the prison industrial complex demands.

It is time to change a law that is not in step with the desires of the majority of people. I pray for Prime Minister Martin's success in his bid for decriminalization.

Jenifer Valley
Portland, Oregon

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Razzamataz says thanks

To the Editor:

At this time of year, we at Razzamataz Kids' Shows would like to thank the *Haliburton Echo* and the *Minden Times* for their support in past seasons. The papers help us get the word out before the shows, and then cover the shows with great pictures of colourful performers and happy kids.

The publicity is one reason that our audiences are growing, which helps us maintain high quality in the shows while keeping ticket prices low compared to the costs to see the very same performers in Lindsay or Orillia.

We would also like to publicly thank our sponsors, the local businesses whose generosity covers a large part of the costs of the shows.

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We are very proud of the quality and popularity of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows. As a small volunteer organization, we could not do it without the substantial community support we receive from local businesses including the *Echo* and the *Times*.

Thank you everybody, and we hope to see you at The Holiday Dream at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Sunday!

Stacey Bennett, Amy Klose,
Jennifer Paton, Gesa Fleugel and
Michelle Dulong

Garbage containers needed to protect Dover Spring

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to you out of concern for the Dover Spring water outlet.

I have been getting my drinking water there for the last 20 years, ever since I moved to Coboconk because it is simply the best water period. The last few months, however, every time I am there I see a lot of garbage lying around. My concern of course is if that keeps up the water will be contaminated and that would be a terrible loss and a crime to the environment.

I wonder if the township would consider putting a garbage disposal container on the site similar to the ones they have at the Head Lake Park, heavy enough so they can not be removed (stolen).

Maria Schulte,
Coboconk

Gas tax irks reader, as does letter

Dear Mr. Ralph Goodale:

Thanks for your response to my correspondence.

I have read your letter carefully and I wish to point out that the money for increased fuel costs is coming directly out of my wallet, but I can't find anything in your letter to indicate that there will be anything going directly back into my wallet.

- Public transit in a rural location such as Haliburton is not feasible.
- What about those Canadians who are just barely staying above the 'low income' level?
- The federal government is enjoying a huge surplus and some of that surplus should have been returned DIRECTLY to consumers of petroleum products over the last couple of years.

If you are saying that wholesalers and retailers of petroleum products would increase their prices to consumers if the government were to remove the GST then the laws of this country are sorely lacking! There is no doubt in my mind that the fuel industry enjoys an iron clad monopoly and nothing has been done to protect consumers from this monopoly. Monitoring prices does nothing but provide stats. What action have you taken?

You may not, Mr. Goodale, find this issue of great importance (hence the delay in your response?) but there are many of us who do.

I sincerely hope this becomes an election issue.

Janet Wilkins
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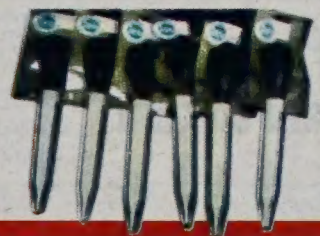
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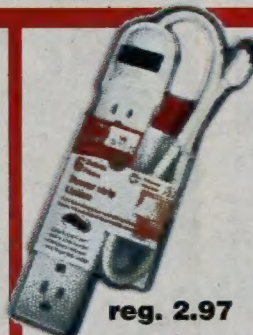
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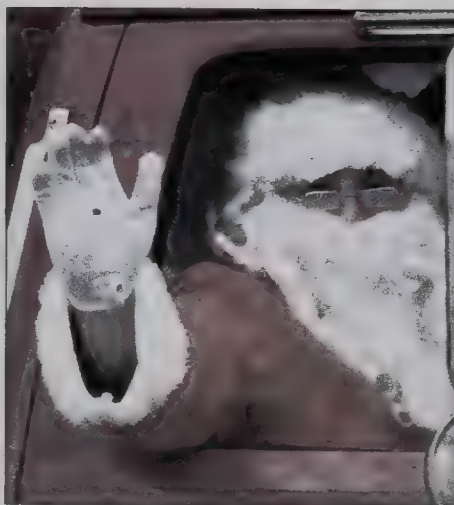
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Wilberforce assumed the look of the North Pole on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. There were more than 18 parade floats that went down Main st. The parade organizer Joanne Hughey said, "It was the best parade ever." Lynn Waugh also helped with the parade. Following the parade everyone gathered in the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre to sing Christmas carols and see Santa Claus. More than 100 children told Santa what they wanted for Christmas and posed for a photo. Each child received a gift and treats. Decorations at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre were done by Taylor Watson and Valerie Smith. Numerous volunteers are to be commended for their efforts, including Roberta, Mel Smith, Clara Burk and Tammy Donaldson, and the Monmouth Fire Department.

Christmas wonder in Wilberforce



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Haliburton eyes prize

Vasey scores the winner from linemate Duchene

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 4

CSS 3

Haliburton is humming along on all cylinders five games into the season.

The Red Hawks senior boys' hockey team showed great poise and character against the visiting Crestwood Mustangs on Monday, Dec. 5.

It didn't take long for the Mustangs to learn that. Haliburton winger Zach Joanu scored from the slot with a quick wrist shot to go up 1 - 0 with a Jonathon Sharpley assist.

The tone was set early in the game. Haliburton kept the pressure on with strong forechecking and big hits, forcing the Mustangs to turn the puck over with anxious passes.

Their confidence sank further when Red Hawks' centre Matt Duchene scored a shorthanded goal at the 9:02 mark of the first period to make the score 2 - 0. Line mate Mitch Vasey sacrificed his body when he was crunched at his own blue line but not before dumping the puck out along the boards. A streaking Duchene picked it up and skated the length of the ice,

faked the backhand, then skated around Crestwood's goalie Cody Caldwell for the easy put-in.

After failing to score on a five-on-three power play for a little more than a minute, Haliburton took an interference penalty with seconds left, negating the two-man advantage.

Unfazed, they staked themselves to a 3 - 0 lead midway through the second period when Duchene added his second goal of the game.

The momentum momentarily shifted when the Mustangs found their first goal on a power play late in the second period 3 - 1.

Seconds after the Red Hawks killed off a penalty, Crestwood tightened the difference by one goal: 3 - 2.

Vasey found the insurance marker, and the eventual game winner, with a quick shot through Caldwell's legs. Duchene assisted, taking the puck from the boards while fending off two Mustang defenders, to lengthen the lead by 4 - 2.

The Red Hawks are now 3 - 0 - 2 overall and had entered the game ranked fourth among AA teams with four points, six points out of first place. Crestwood came into Haliburton ranked last in the AAA league 1 - 0 - 3.



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Jonathon Sharpley keeps his eyes fixed to the puck as he falls down in the offensive zone. The Red Hawks are 3 - 0 - 2.



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Novice As reflect on victories

Storm own the the third period in Bracebridge and Parry Sound

DEBBIE BYERS

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Novice Team for the 2005/2006 Season, off to a great start, consists of players Curtis Ballantyne,

Connor Gadway, William Stephenson, Hunter Bishop, Blake Wood, Owen Flood, Joel Fedeski, Devon Upton, Braden Roberts, Braydin Hollows and Logan Churko. The coaching staff includes Bernie Upton, David Hollows, John Fedeski, Brent Flood, and manager

Don Stephenson.

When the Storm hit the ice in Minden on Saturday, Oct 29 to face off against Bracebridge they were maybe a little over-confident after previously winning their first game against them by a fairly large margin.

Bracebridge dominated the first two periods with four goals to the Storm's one, scored by Upton. The "pep talk" after the second period must have worked because the Storm was able to hold the Bracebridge team pointless during the third and, in an amazing comeback, scored five goals to win 6-4.

Third period goals were scored by Bishop and two each to Ballantyne and Wood. Great passing plays were orchestrated by Hollows, Roberts and Stephenson, while defensemen Fedeski, Gadway and Flood worked hard and did a great job of keeping the puck out of their zone. Goaltender Churko was also solid in goal.

Sunday, October 30 saw the Storm challenge Parry Sound on their turf. The Storm had lost their first game against this team and Parry Sound looked determined to make it 2.

Parry Sound's Tunis opened the scoring but the Storm tied it on a nice "top shelf" by Ballantyne to end the first period in a 1-1 tie. The second period once again saw both teams score one, the Storm's by Bishop.

The Storm took control of the third period. With strong goaltending and solid team work the Storm scored four more goals to Parry Sound's one. Ballantyne notched his second of the game, followed by one each from Upton, Stephenson and Wood to give the Storm a 6-3 victory.

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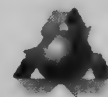


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Red Hawks' road trip lined with successes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Winning and losing on the road is showing the basketball team its potential, said the Red Hawks' head coach.

Senior boys' basketball head coach Paul Longo said the win in Lindsay against St. Thomas Aquinas was needed for a confidence boost, but the Fenelon Falls loss also helped. It demonstrated how strong their defense is at this point in the season – even if the offense faltered in the third quarter.

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Haliburton senior Red Hawks' basketball team destroyed the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans (who have just entered the league) with a dominating score of 45 – 22 on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Coach Longo said the entire team played well, from the defense out to the offense. After a winless experience at the Red Hawks Classic (Friday, Dec. 2), Haliburton showed that the narrow defeat at the hands of the Fenelon Falls Falcons (44 – 41) wasn't a fluke.

Forward Guido Zanelli led the team with 12 points, while point guard Benton Brown distributed the ball well, earning 8 assists. Strong on the boards, Dylan Holmes pulled down 10 rebounds.

"Forwards Josh Townsend and John Briggs had strong games inside," he added.

The coach believes his team can match up well with any team because the Red Hawks possess speed and size. The team is striving to improve.

"I think we have pretty good speed. We're working hard on pressing and we're working hard on getting our guards to be able to switch with each other when they're in trouble and even just half-court trapping, sideline trapping. We're working through that and we're getting better."

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Haliburton were still on their high when they travelled to Fenelon Falls the

next day to face off against the Falcons.

By the first half break they were down by only a basket after the first half, 19 – 17.

But in the third quarter the team's scoring went cold. Despite strong defense resulting in eight steals, the team couldn't convert any of the chances.

"It was a 13-point loss but it didn't feel like a 13-point loss," said the coach. "In the third quarter there were opportunities where we could have tied the game up pretty fast. We just couldn't make the lay-up. I think it was bad luck. It got ridiculous," he said.

Spectators can expect the young team with a strong core of returning veterans to be competitive in every game Longo said.

"You can expect these guys to work hard every game no matter what the outcome is and I really feel we should be competitive in every game we play," Longo said. "I can't say we'll chock up lots of wins but the effort will be there."

This core includes: Benton Brown, point guard Paul Johnston, small and power forward Brendan White, centre John Briggs, centre Deni Knezevic, and McKye Shaw, shooting guard or small forward.

"The Grade 12s went through a rough spell last year with just inexperience. The seven guys returning are providing a lot of leadership for the younger guys, which I think is helping out quite a bit," he said.

There is a focus on developing the future with 11 players in their first year (Grade 11s) of play. The team will carry 17 players on the roster but will dress only 13 players for each game.

"We're going to dress the 13 guys that are working hard in practice, coming to practice. It'll be coaches' decision between Nathan and me," he said.

"We're going to go through ups and downs with the younger guys but they're really, really solid boys and working hard. They really want to play. They're hungry. It's more than I can ask for," Longo said.

There is an unquestionable commitment by the team, he said. From the ten practices held at 7 a.m. there have not



DARREN LUM/Echofilephoto

Head Coach Paul Longo said "I think we can play with anybody in AA (Kawartha)."

been fewer than 15 players attend.

"I get to the gym and there are 15 guys waiting for me. It's just great," he said.

"We're starting to gel. There is a lot of hope there. Guys are working hard. The chemistry is starting to develop," he said.

Nathan Johnson, this year's senior girls' basketball coach, is helping the senior boys.

"It's great to have his youth and experience," Longo said. "He's got a great connection with the guys."

Haliburton will host the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Dec. 14.

"This year I'm seeing so much zone defense, more than I've ever seen. If you can push the ball up the floor fast and not allow the opponent to set up the zone

you're ahead of the game," he said. "The number one offense (scheme) is the fast break."

He concedes that the team has been challenged against the zone defense. Longo adds that the team wants to improve its shooting percentage to force the opponents to abandon the zone.

"If we can hit that 40 [per cent] mark that would be great," he said.

Longo said the team is well under 40 per cent.

"We need to shoot better," he said.

With a schedule filled with AAA schools Haliburton is poised for the AA competition in February when Kawartha AA playoffs come.

"I think we can play with anybody in AA [Kawartha]," he said.

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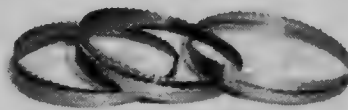
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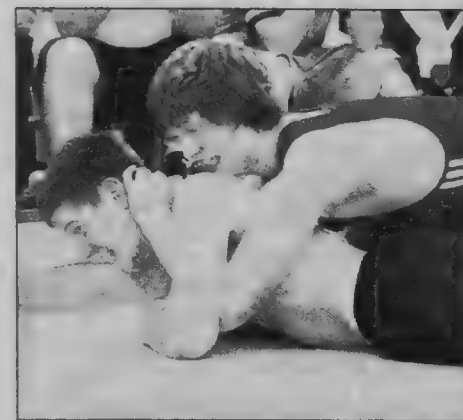
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Jeff Currie's life and body were shattered during a traffic accident three years ago. But like actor Christopher Reeve, who suffered a similarly crushing neck injury, Jeff faces each day with the kind of ruthless courage that would put most people to shame. Inset: Jeff on his graduation day, his body strong, his future assured.

Death without death

The amazing story of Jeff Currie, his intensely loyal family, the accident that shattered his athlete's body and the mystery of what it is that keeps him alive and moving forward

Story and photos by Lance Crossley

It was one of the first snowfalls of the year. The OPP had reported more than 20 accidents in Haliburton County alone that day. One driver travelling the roads was 27-year-old Jeff Currie, a 240-pound former university athlete. Currie was on his way from Irondale to a rugby reunion at Trent University. He set out down Buckhorn Road, a meandering county road south of Gooderham, in disagreeable driving conditions, common enough here during the winter months.

Somewhere along the way about noon, in an instant Currie cannot recall, his tires lost traction on a patch of ice. His vehicle began to rotate and slide into the oncoming lane where a pickup truck was fast approaching. The truck t-boned Currie and sent him into a ditch. An ambulance transported Currie to Peterborough, where he was immediately airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. Breathing only through a machine, Currie fell into a coma. When

he opened his eyes two weeks later, the life he once knew had vanished forever.

Jeff is now 30 years old. He has no memory of the day that changed everything – November 2, 2002 – but is reminded of its occurrence through stark physical evidence. The robust body that guaranteed him a power position on the rugby field has disappeared and has been replaced by a frail 142-pound frame that slowly makes its way around his parent's home in a wheelchair. Stacked on his lap are a dozen paper towel sheets, which he must continually spit into, for he is incapable of swallowing. A surgically-implanted tube feeds a milk-like product directly into his stomach, his only source of nourishment and one that causes his skin to continually break down. One of the things Jeff says he misses most is the taste of food, which is why you can often find him watching *The Food Network* with lament and longing. The other thing Jeff misses most is dressing himself in the morning, a task

that now takes him a full hour with the help of caregivers.

Like Christopher Reeve, Jeff broke the top two vertebrae in his neck. With Reeve, the vertebrae severed his spinal column, rendering him paralyzed from the neck down. With Jeff, the vertebrae shifted and ruptured an artery, provoking a left brain stem stroke that paralyzed the entire right side of his body. The stroke has left Jeff in tremendous agony, with a pain his mother describes as being like tearing one's fingernails off while having razor blades cut into your palms.

The damage went beyond paralysis. During the accident his brain twisted on its axis points and was sheared by the tiny bones that protrude where the vertebrae begin, leading to extensive bleeding. As well, one of Jeff's lungs collapsed after being crushed by the steering wheel. Nerve damage weakened all the vital organs, as well as leaving his left eye looking as though it was sewn shut.

Medical professionals are astounded that Jeff is alive at all.

"I don't see it as a miracle," says Currie. "I don't see the progress in the recovery because I'm living it every day."

For Jeff, the word "alive" is a relative term, one that he is moving toward every day at tremendous – and unfathomable – personal cost.

Pat Currie is Jeff's mother. Within 24 hours of Jeff's accident, both Pat and her husband of 37 years, Bill, were told that their marriage was likely doomed, as few couples survive events of such a catastrophic nature. Doctors recently found a lump in her breast that they continue to monitor and her husband is currently recovering from cancer surgery of his own: both developments she attributes to the enormous distress her family has experienced over the past few years.

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'Sometimes Pat gets so angry
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in the accident'

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Like their son, Pat and Bill defied the odds and have stuck together. But if something should happen to either of them, the burden of Jeff's injury would be left to her children Jillian, Julieanne and Joshua, all of whom are grown up with lives of their own.

Sometimes Pat gets so angry at what has transpired that she wonders what it would have been like if Jeff had died in the accident. He would have been gone but she would have learned how to deal with it, or at least been able to make plans for the future. Pat is a mother who will never have an empty nest. She can't just go out for groceries, go for a coffee with a friend, get a haircut, or do anything that is not scrupulously planned in advance. Jeff needs 24 hours of constant care and Pat is the primary caregiver. Every single freedom in her life has been lost because she is now inexorably tied to a child who will never leave her. It is not just Jeff who must deal with the sorrow of losing his life.

"Having a person with a severe accident like this is like a death in the family," says Pat. "You go through all the stages of anger, mourning, grief and resolution, all the things that happen when one dies except that you don't get a funeral. You don't have the closure that one has with a funeral."

It's this kind of honesty that is one of Pat's virtues. She is not afraid to expose all the unspoken thoughts and feelings that come with such a dreadful accident.

The family has had to invest hundreds

of thousands of dollars in making their house livable for Jeff. He has a specially-designed bathroom and bedroom complete with skylights. Poles that stand from floor to ceiling are strategically placed in his bedroom and living room to help him move in and out of his wheelchair. Electronically accessible doorways were installed to create access to the deck. The ground circumscribing the house is paved for his wheelchair, as is a path down to the river where Jeff sometimes fishes for small mouth bass on a deck specifically designed for him. An indoor elevator was even built that moves down three levels: from Jeff's living space, to the garage, to the basement where all the rehab exercise equipment is located.

"People have no idea what handicap things cost," says Pat. "If you and I went out to buy something for ourselves and it cost \$10, it would immediately cost \$50 when it is deemed handicap. It's just the biggest rip-off."

Jeff and his mother have a tumultuous relationship. In his frequent frustration, and partly because the brain injuries have impaired his sense of reason, he reserves his most hurtful affronts for his mother who he knows will never leave him. It's exhausting for Pat to sort out which comments to deal with, what to deny, and what to walk away from. And while Pat's husband at least has his work for a minor escape (he is vice president of a construction company), it is not so

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Reach for The Future

For the eighth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date the 2005 "Reach for The Future" campaign has raised \$20,215.00. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$980,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

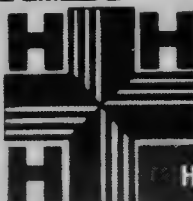
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'I really don't know how I expect to progress. What I hope is to walk again and get out of the wheel chair'

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for her. While she doesn't want to make herself out to be a martyr, she says the role of a caregiver is one that is little understood and grossly underestimated in this world. When tragedy strikes there is always a front line that needs manning, even if most of us would rather not think about it.

The kind of intimacy that exists in this family is incomparable to most. It's raw and fiercely loyal, underlined by an intensity that binds them all together the same way metal is welded by heat and friction. It's the kind of love that is wounded so deep, and so well, that there is literally nothing left in this world that can ever come between them. You can hear it in Pat's voice. When she speaks, it's submerged in a tenderness that obliterates one's notions of entitlement in life.

"I now have the sorrow of watching a child whose life will never be what it could have been. That's a horrible thing for a parent. People talk about their children dying and what a horrible experience it is and it's the most horrible thing that could ever happen. I don't believe that. I think this is more horrible - watching the slow wasting of a body.

"The frustration of a young man who's thinking - he thinks brilliant thoughts - but he can't do anything

about them. He has wonderful ideas. He had the most amazing sense of wonder and now he is, from time to time, you know, depressed. He has a sense of 'Why? What's the reason for this?'

"What I always say to him when he says 'Why didn't you let me die? Why didn't I just die, then I wouldn't have been a burden.' He worries about being a burden to his father and me. We tell him that we're so happy he's still here. We're so overjoyed that we still have him in our life and that he's not a burden to us. He's our son, he's our child. He'll always be our child and we love him. No matter what."

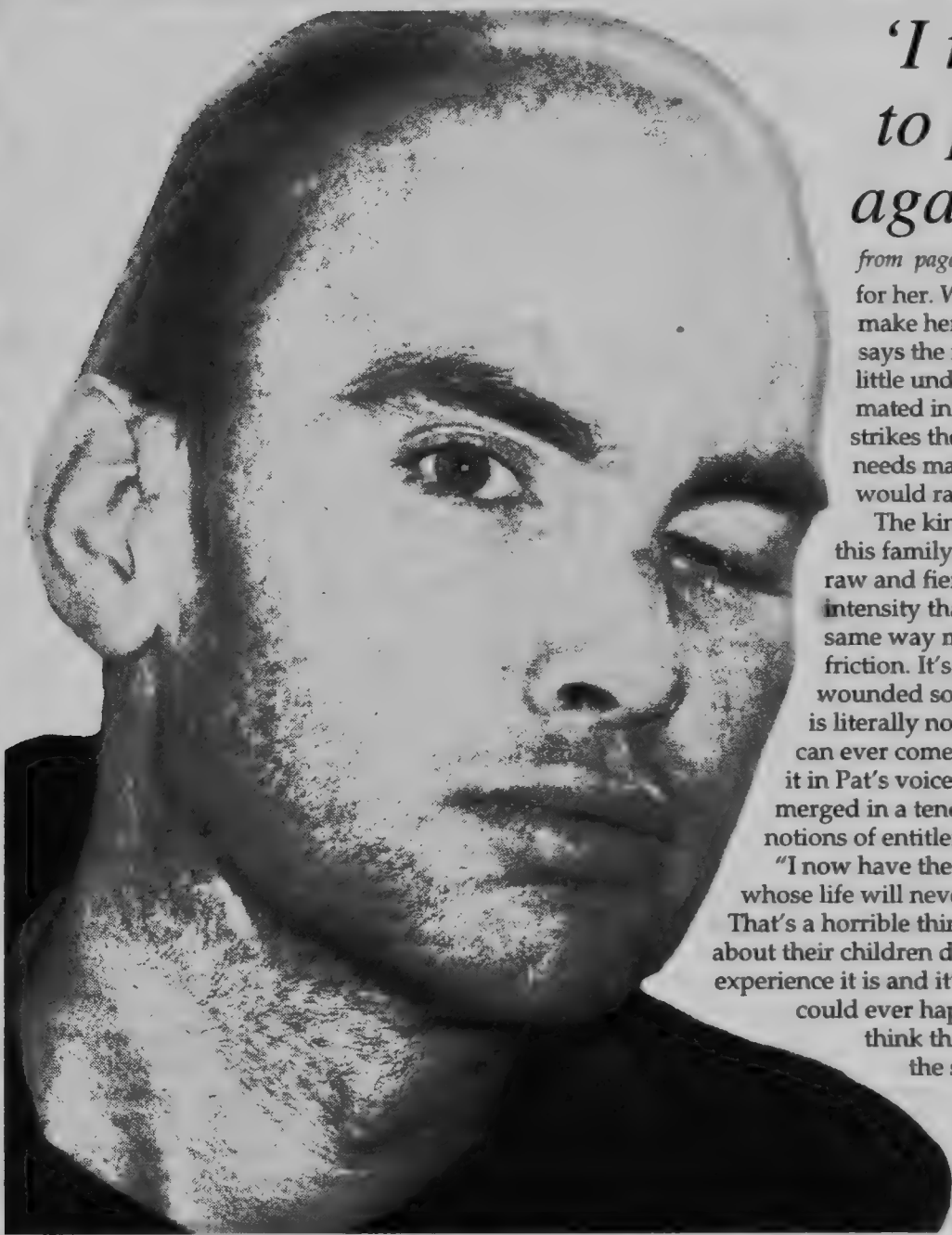
When Jeff awoke from his coma he stayed at Sunnybrook for four months. He was then transferred to Bridgepoint Hospital for another 15 months to undergo rehab. Pat says in the three years since the accident Jeff has come along 150 per cent.

"He is an amazement to the medical community with the progression he has made," she says. "This is a guy that never should have made it through that accident who is steadily progressing."

The progressions have been significant. Where once he could not breathe without a machine, he now breathes on his own, although he is able to use only one third of his lungs. Where once he couldn't talk and used a spelling board to communicate, he now can talk, but in a barely audible voice that forces the listener to come in close. Where he once had to be lifted by a crane to get in and out of bed, he now does without.

"I really don't know how I expect to progress," says

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Jeff. "What I hope is to walk again and get out of the wheel chair."

Jeff often volunteers for medical experiments, sometimes at great physical expense, in the hope of advancing science to help both himself and people like him. Imagine lying awake on a surgery table for nine hours so doctors can implant rods in your head while asking you to respond to stimuli in order to learn about unknown parts of the brain. He also went to a PhD research scientist who was doing groundbreaking research on swallowing. The doctor recruited only two subjects in the world, one was Jeff and another was a



Jeff with his parents Pat and Bill Currie. "Jeff's story is very powerful. It's really wonderful for other parents of disabled people to hear it because he has progressed so far. Before there was really no hope and now there is all kinds of hope for him," says Pat.

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woman in New Zealand who had a horse break through her windshield. The New Zealand woman has since learned how to swallow again.

One of the most difficult things for Jeff is preserving his dignity. For someone who was once utterly independent to suddenly have to be washed and dressed by strange women every day is not the life a young man was intended for, even though the help he receives has

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'From the time I started working with Jeff last year until now, I'm just blown away'

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been exceptional.

Two personal support workers (PSWs) that Pat calls the "salt of the earth" – Betty Van Denhazel and Joy Marsh – come in to bathe him in the morning and assist him to bed at night. They also socialize with Jeff and have come to care for him a great deal. Physiotherapist Sandra Butler also comes three times a week to prescribe exercises and monitor

his progress.

"I have to learn to accept these people," says Jeff.

Melanie Tofflemire, a rehab supervisor that visits Jeff every week Monday to Thursday, is in awe at the strides Jeff has made. Tofflemire usually arrives about 10 in the morning and heads downstairs with Jeff to help him with his both his physical and speaking exercises.

"From the time I started working with

Jeff last year until now, I'm just blown away," says Tofflemire.

One of the things that allows Jeff to maintain his humanity is his humour. His mother recalls being cut off by a driver on University Avenue in Toronto during a time when Jeff was undergoing intensive therapy on his stroke hand. After cursing the traffic inpropriety, Pat eventually met up with the offending driver at the next light, where she then

noticed Jeff's middle finger slowly rising against the passenger side window.

"I guess the therapy is working," said Jeff.

A most remarkable image stands out in Jeff's recovery from Oct. 30, 2004 at the Wigamog Inn, a resort in Haliburton. His sister Jillian was getting married and had asked him to be a groomsman, where it is customary to have a ceremonial dance with the bride. Jeff had made it one of his goals during rehab to be able to stand and have a dance with his sister during the reception. Wearing a tuxedo, in his wheelchair, his other siblings wheeled him onto the dance floor where, to everybody's surprise Jeff stood up. Hanging on to his beloved sister, Jeff gently swayed side to side with the song *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother* playing in the background:

*The road is long
With many a winding turn
That leads us who knows where
Who knows when.
But I'm strong
Strong enough to carry him
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.*

It was the first time everyone had seen him out of his wheelchair. The emotion of the spectacle was almost too much to bear, as many in the crowd openly broke down and wept. Pat, too, torn at once by feelings of joy and profound sadness, was not ready for the sight and had to be held up by those surrounding her.

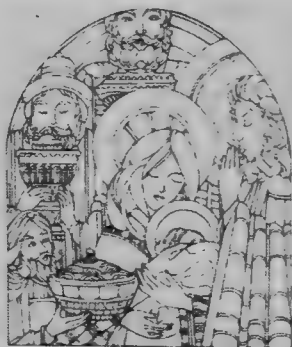
Every year on the anniversary of the accident the Currie family plants a tree on their property. So far they've planted both lilac and sugar maple trees. Each spring, after months of darkness and snow, the perfume of the lilacs and the breadth of the maples are a little more pronounced. In much the same way, so does Jeff's soul begin to break through, slowly and imperceptibly, at a pace dictated by the life he has been given.

Some days he is glad to be here and some days he is not. But in Jeff's life, as with all of us, you never know what is around the corner.



Rehab worker Melanie Tofflemire supervises Jeff as he does walking exercises on the parallel bars.

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this Christmas ...



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- 3:00 p.m. St. Margaret's, Wilberforce. Holy Eucharist - Traditional
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- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Music - St. George's
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Sunday, December 25th

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Your Executive has recommended that the following donations be made for \$500.00 each to Haliburton Highlands Health Services, The Salvation Army and the

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4C's. These recommendations are subject to approval of the general body.

Paul Brohm, Entertainment Chairman, has been working hard to provide Saturday night entertainment in the clubroom. Watch the ads in your weekly Echo and plan to come out and support your branch.

Congratulations to our Membership Chairman, Ray Baker, on encouraging early renewals of memberships. Your branch has attained over 50% Early Bird payments.

Your sports committee has started a pool league on Wednesday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. If you like playing pool come out and join us. This is just

Another thing your branch is trying to provide for you to help you get through the

Long winter months. They would also like to see Shuffleboard games started on

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The Legion 50+ Club may have to cease to hold further meetings unless someone comes forward to assume control as the new president of this group.

If you are interested, contact Brian Hambly at the Legion.

Since we are approaching a very busy time of the year, this will likely be my last article for 2005. On behalf of the Executive may I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and much happiness in 2006.

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I have problems with gluten and find it very difficult to find recipes that use alternative flours. I want to do some Christmas baking.

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Dear Reader:

Yes it is difficult, but luckily with the trend on healthy eating and more attention being made to special needs it is easier to find the products needed for baking your own treats.

Here are a couple of recipes that you might enjoy. These are good for any one and not just for those who can't have regular flours.

A baker named Kay Spicer developed this recipe for a gluten free flour mix that measures the same as all-purpose flour. All the flours can be found at bulk food stores or health food stores.

K's Gluten Free Flour Mix

One and two thirds rice flour

One third each whole bean flour, corn flour and tapioca flour

One-third-potato starch

One tbsp xanthan gum

In food processor, combine rice, whole bean, corn and tapioca flours, potato starch and xanthan gum; blend, scraping down side of bowl once or twice for one to two minutes or until thoroughly mixed.

Flour mix can be stored in airtight container for up to 3 months: stir before using. Makes 3 cups

Gluten Free Chocolate Chip Cookies

One half-cup whole bean flour

One quarter cup each rice flour and corn flour

One tsp baking soda

One half tsp salt

One half-cup butter softened

One half cup granulated sugar

One quarter packed brown sugar

One egg

One tsp vanilla

One cup chocolate chips

In bowl, stir together bean, rice and corn flours, baking soda and salt.

In separate bowl, beat together butter and granulated and brown sugars. Beat in egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. Stir in flour mixture until blended. Fold in chocolate chips.

Drop by tsp about 2 inches apart, onto lightly greased or non-stick baking sheets. Bake in centre of 350° for about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool completely on baking sheet on rack

Per cookie: about 60 calories 2 g protein, 3 g fat, 8 g carbohydrate

Baking without gluten lacks the elasticity and holding power of those made with regular flours. Tops of cakes might shrink when cooling; this is normal.

Celebration Orange Cake

One and half cup K's Gluten Free Flour Mix

One-cup sugar

One half and half gluten free baking powder

One tsp baking soda

One half tsp salt

2 tsp grated orange rind

Three quarter cup orange juice

One-third light mayonnaise

2 tsp lemon juice

4 eggs, separated

One-quarter tsp cream of tartar

In bowl stir together flour mix half cup of the sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add orange rind and juice, mayonnaise, lemon juice and egg yolks; beat for one minute or until blended and smooth.

In large bowl, beat egg whites with cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in remaining sugar; beat for one to two minutes or until stiff glossy peaks form.

Sprinkle flour mixture over egg white mixture; flood together gently until well blended. Scrape into 10 inch tube pan. Run knife forward barter to remove air bubbles; smooth top.

Bake in centre of 350 degree F oven for about 45 minutes or; until cake springs back when lightly touches. Invert pan onto legs or suspend over neck of bottle; let cool completely. Remove from pan. Cake can be covered and refrigerated for up to one day.

Evenly spread top with Cream Cheese Icing (if using).

Calories 140 calories 3 g protein 3 g fat and 26 g carbohydrate

Cream Cheese Frosting

4 oz light cream cheese softened

3 tbsp sugar

2 tbsp orange juice

2 tsp grated orange rind

In bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy.

Dissolve sugar in orange juice; beat into cream cheese with rind; until blended.

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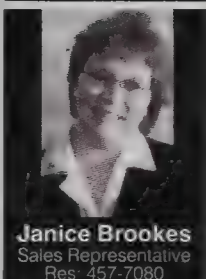
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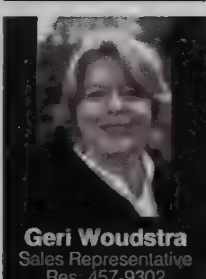


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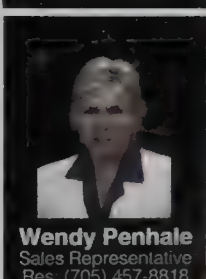
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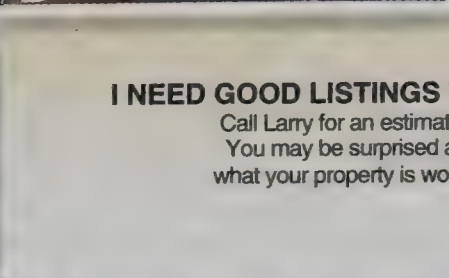
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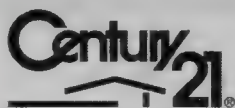
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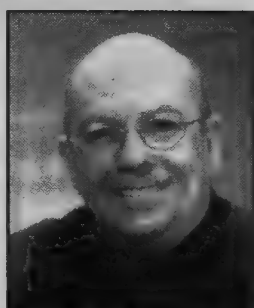
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Santa shared many ho-ho-hugs

Plenty of kids came out to meet St. Nick at Loop Christmas Party

More than 115 children visited that jolly old elf, Santa Claus, at the Loop Children's Christmas Party on Sunday at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

Santa gave out lots of hugs and ho-ho-hos and, while he did not have a round belly that shook like a bowlful of jelly, the children all loved him. Well, almost all. There were a few like Tyson who were terrified and, with legs waving in the air in an attempt to defy not only gravity but Santa's knee, he wailed out his displeasure. Little five-year-old Rebecca looked picture-perfect but she wanted nothing to do with the man robed in red and white. Though disappointed, her mom wiped her tears away and said perhaps another day would be better. With eyes dried, Rebecca put a smile back on her face and waved as she walked away.

For the most part the children were happy and exhilarated to see Santa, and their eyes shone with amazement and

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delight. A little blonde-haired 5-year-old could not wait to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what a good girl she had been and that she wanted a Barbie doll for Christmas. With a dimpled smile, she blew him kisses before leaving. While looking forward to talking to Santa, young Victor gave Santa careful scrutiny and questioned why he was wearing fire fighter's boots. Another young 9-year-old girl excitedly clutched her list for Santa as she happily stood and watched her sister sit on his knee and get her picture taken. 10-month-old Dillon sat comfortably on Santa's lap, looking up at the bearded man and also at his mom who was trying to make him smile.

And where is it written Santa Claus is only for children? The child inside a number of parents came out and they, too, sat on Santa's knee. As I watched, I hoped many of the other parents waiting for their children would remember how they jumped into bed and counted on their fingers exactly how many days it would be until Christmas morning. I hoped both parents and grandparents might look through the children's eyes and relive their own golden memories of Christmas as a child.

I thank all the people who made this much-anticipated yearly event possible. A big thank-you to Santa Claus for visiting and chatting with all the little boys and girls. We are very grateful to Joe Burton and the special role he played. Kudos to Pathfinder Elves Kayla Scott, Jenna Scott, Carolyn Barnes, Tessa Barnes, Colbeigh Aylsworth, Chantel Adams and Kristine Godfrey for all their help. A big thank-you to Kathy Rogers, Angie Scott, Shelley Godfrey and Stephanie Godfrey for all their wonderful efforts in the kitchen. Their delicious goodies and refreshments were much appreciated by all. We give thanks to the firefighters who prepared and distributed treats to all the children and appreciation to the Volunteer Police Association for directing traffic during the parade. Kudos to parade organizers Lynn Waugh and Joanne Hughey for a fantastic parade. Thanks to Tammy Donaldson, our photographer, who did a terrific job once again this year. Thanks to all our gift wrappers, Angie Scott and daughter Kayla, Donna Watson and grand-daughter Taylor, Roberta Walsh, Marian Donaldson, Orval Donaldson and Mel Smith. A big thank-you to Taylor Watson for assisting in decorating the stage. Thanks to Clara Burt and Christine London for leading the Christmas carol singing. These two gals did an outstanding job. A big thank-you to Orval Donaldson, Mel Smith, Sandra Harris and daughter Dakota for all their assistance in distributing the gifts and to Bill and Christine Drain and family, Roberta Walsh, Cameron Hibbard and Gord Burt for their great help. Very special thanks go to all of our sponsors, the businesses and individuals who have made monetary and in-kind donations over the years to make the gift-giving possible. Giving from the heart is a very special part of Christmas.

This was my fifth year as an organizer of the Loop Children's Christmas Party and

once again, I am proud to have been part of such a special holiday event.

The Christmas spirit has spread and the excitement of decorating homes has caught hold of many people in the Loop area of Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt and Highland Grove. Along with the many other festive homes, Ruth and Larry Strong's Winter Wonderland setting on Essonville Line is a real must-see again this year.

December 16th, The Word of Life Outreach Centres in Wilberforce and Highland Grove will be holding their Open House and Play It Again Christmas. There will be wrapped, good, second-hand toys available for children at each centre. Hours for Wilberforce Centre: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Highland Grove Centre: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

December 18: Christmas Music Evening at the Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m.

December 29th: Home to the Highlands Holiday Musical Cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends. At the Lloyd Watson Centre. Cost: \$8.00 in advance for adults. \$10.00 at the door or \$8.00 with a non-perishable food item. Seniors and children under 16 \$5.00. Family of 4 \$20.00. Tickets available at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton and at Harvest Moon and Woodbugs & Guitar Nuts in Bancroft. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with show starting at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This wonderful show supports the Heritage Guild, Essonville Church and the Agricultural Society.

December 31: New Year's Eve program at the Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 9:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to join in for a family evening of fun, food and fellowship.

The Harcourt Community Center continues to have:

Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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December 31: New Year's Eve party 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Dance to the great sounds of the Lost River Jammers. \$35.00 per couple. A light buffet will be served. For further information or tickets, call Ross Covert at 448-3196.



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The Assante Management's (from left) Advisors Gord Schakelaar and Jan McMaster donated \$1,000 on behalf their clients to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Executive Director Dale Walker and Secretary Treasurer Marg Fielding. This will help to contribute to the Capital Campaign. Photo, Darren Lum.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 17th day of January 2006, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 8, Concession 15, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 14762 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 8, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated August 29, 2005. (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey, as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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Santa Claus came to Wilberforce on Sunday afternoon, December 11, riding in the fire truck. Accompanying him were a number of creative floats and individual walkers. What a festive time was had at the parade and the reception at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

There on the stage, colourfully set up, Santa held court to more than a hundred children, presenting them with candies, gifts while hearing their hopes and Christmas wishes.

The Wilberforce School's Christmas concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 2 p.m. We are sure Santa will likely make an appearance at the end of that concert, too.

The hardworking Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624 enjoyed their annual Christmas party with dinner at the Algonquin Cookhouse on Friday, December 9.

Mark Thursday, December 29 on your calendar for Home to the Highlands, a holiday musical and non-alcoholic cabaret at the Lloyd Watson Centre with music by Edgar Thatcher. More next time.

Adele Barnes called to let us know that Community Care needs drivers in the Wilberforce area. Some trips will be to neighbouring villages, while others involve driving people to Peterborough, Lindsay and Toronto. Many folk who no longer drive because of age or illness appreciate the help in getting to appointments. If you think you can help call 457-2941 and ask for Reg or Judy.

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

We would like to add our appreciation and congratulations to Adele Barnes who was recently honoured for 20 years of service to the Community Care organization (formerly Home Support).

The Christmas Open House at the Outpost Historic House Museum last Thursday was a good time. The decorations, refreshments and the fellowship were appreciated. Members of the W. Heritage Guild thank all who took part, especially the Pathfinders, during the evening. The W. H. Guild wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a fine 2006.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Isabelle Godfrey who died at the Hastings Centennial Manor in Bancroft on Monday, November 28. Isabelle (Fleming) Godfrey was predeceased by her husband Vince and son William. Isabelle Fleming had deep roots in the Wilberforce area as did her late husband Vince. Her mother was Isabelle (Belle) Webber and her father William Fleming. Isabelle and Vince lived here and in Northern Ontario. They retired back "home" in Wilberforce.

The Annual Essonville Historic Church Carol Service is next Sunday night, December 18 at 7 p.m.

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- **Dec. 14:** Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-Along" – Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Road off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food bank gratefully accepted.
- **Dec. 14:** A Scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the South Algonquin Cookhouse prepared by Chef John. Call 457-2941 to purchase your tickets.
- **Dec. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is holding their Christmas Pot Luck meeting at Camp Adelaide on Wed. Dec. 14th. The building will be open from 10 a.m., if anyone wants to work on their projects, and the meeting will start approx. 1 p.m., following the lunch.
- **Dec. 14:** The Minden Women's Institute meet in the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden at 11:30 a.m. (Xmas luncheon meeting).
- **Dec. 15:** The Annual Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton, on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Master's Bookstore or Perfect Prints, or call 457-2074. Proceeds to the "Youth for Christ" Initiative.
- **Dec. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton – Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Dec. 15:** Christmas Party and Potluck lunch at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a special visit from Santa Clause and lot's of fun Christmas activities. Please call to sign up, 286-1770.
- **Dec. 16:** Dorset Family Movie Night at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fun for the whole family! Free popcorn! Big (Huge) Screen & surround sound. Admission by donation. Treats available to purchase. All welcome. Funds raised support this & other Dorset Recreation Programs run by volunteers. Fri., Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. "Daniel and the Superdogs". 1051 Main St., Dorset, Ont. Phone (705) 766-9968 or 766-9688. E-mail: drc@vianet.on.ca <http://www.geocities.com/dorsetrec/index.html>.
- **Dec. 18:** Zion United Church Choir service at 9 a.m. (Lessons and Carols; Minden United Church (White Gift Sunday). Food and monetary contributions are accepted at our morning worship service to support the local Christmas Basket Campaign and Food Bk.; Minden United Church 7 p.m. (Family Carol Sing-along).
- **Dec. 20:** A Candlelight Memorial Service will be held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments to follow. Admission is free.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **McKek's Place – Homework Club** meets every Tuesday at 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. All grades, all subjects. Phone Karen Frybort or Heather Taylor at 457-3443. The Homework Club emerged from a group of students working part-time at McKek's Place. Our Philosophy has always been "schoolwork comes ahead of a part-time job". As an employer that invests in our youth, we decided as management that we would assist the kids with their homework and allow them to complete their academic requirements as well as hold a part-time job, encouraging their financial independence and furthering their skills in the F & B Industry. It's a win/win situation. We will be looking for monthly sponsors for the club to offset costs of after-school snacks ... they are all hungry upon arrival from school, and healthy nutrition is just another aspect of the program.
- **Christmas Tea & Social** – Join other Family Caregivers on Wed., Dec. 7 & 21 at 2 p.m. "Case Manor Lagoon Club", Bobcaygeon; Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Kinmount and District Health Centre's lower level.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** – Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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Haliburton Broadcasting Group owns and operates 12 radio stations and 3 repeaters in 14 markets across Ontario. We are now proud to announce that our newest station "93.5 Moose FM" will be broadcasting in the new year from studios located on the main street of Haliburton above Mingle's Restaurant.

We are a rapidly growing company that looks for innovative, out of the box thinkers; multi-taskers who can adapt quickly to change and who enjoy autonomy in their work environment. The Haliburton Broadcasting employee often transfers between departments and collaborates with other stations across Ontario. We hire for attitude and train for aptitude.

Broadcast Traffic Assistant (scheduling of commercials)

Your job would be to schedule commercial copy for National and Local advertisers, process sales orders, serve as back-up for other traffic positions, perform other duties as needed and directed by the Traffic Manager. Qualified candidates must be detail oriented and have exceptional organizational and time management skills as well as a basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Broadcast Manager is Sondra Aubin

SALES REPRESENTATIVE. You'll be on the road selling advertising to retail locations in the Bancroft /Haliburton area as well as pitching summer sampling programs to marketing directors and brand managers of packaged goods companies via email & phone. A current billing list is included and new business face-to-face cold calling will be necessary. The candidate must have good communication skills and be energetic, self-motivated, able to work independently, persistent, be motivated by commission sales, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Sales Manager is Sean Connon

Part-time Freelance News Reporter

You'll be travelling around Haliburton/Minden/Bancroft area reporting on local community events. The candidate should have a journalism background / college diploma and have good writing and interviewing skills as well as a radio voice. Must be interested in current events and have a good knowledge of the area and people. Valid driver's licence and reliable transportation necessary. News Director is Wendy Gray

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 On Wednesday, December 21
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 Adults \$7.50
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HALIBURTON LEGION POOL LEAGUE
 Every Wednesday evening
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 Starting December 7, 2005
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Haliburton County Folk Society

**Marketing, Promotion & Events Planning
 Youth Internship Available**
 (25 hours per week)

The Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) is seeking a candidate to assist in the marketing and promotion of the HCFS 2006 Concert Series and planning for a Fall Folk Festival. The intern will also provide support for the HCFS fundraising efforts, including identifying funding partnerships, sponsorships, and membership development.

Additional, the ideal candidate will possess:

- Prior experience in events planning, marketing, sales, public relations
- An interest in/knowledge of folk and acoustic roots music
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Well-developed organizational, planning and time management skills
- Competent computer and research abilities
- Valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle

This is a skilled position with competitive wages. Due to the funding requirements, candidates should have a relevant certificate, diploma or degree from a post-secondary institution and be under the age of thirty-one.

Period of employment: January 9th to March 31st, 2006

Please submit a cover letter and résumé to:
 HCFS, Box 1217, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
 or E-mail hayward6@sympatico.ca by December 28, 2006.

Funding for this position has been made possible through the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Industry Canada/FedNor

Thank you to all applicants however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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at Northern Lights Pavilion
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Sun. Dec. 18, 1 p.m.
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and The Mill Pond
Restaurant, Camarvon
Adults \$12
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\$400.00**

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WED. DEC. 14th**

NO BINGO

WED. DECEMBER 21st
WED. DECEMBER 28th
WED. JANUARY 4th

290 COMING EVENTS

**Fleming College
Employment
Resource Centre
Christmas Holiday
Hours:
Closed
Friday, Dec. 23rd 1pm
to Monday, Jan. 2nd
For more information call
457-2020**

300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24
• 3:00 p.m.**

Family Services featuring "A
Shepherd's Tale" at Zion United
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• 7:00 p.m.

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ty, all the cards, gifts and flowers I re-
ceived for my 85th birthday. It was a
very special day for me. Thank you
and God Bless. **Marjorie Billings.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

DAWSON, CLIFFORD A. - In mem-
ory of a dear father who passed away
8 years ago on December 12, 1997.
We cannot clasp your hand, father
dear,
Your face we cannot see;
But let this little token
Tell that we still remember thee.

In loving memory, **daughter Kathy
and son-in-law Keith.**

STEWART, BERNEICE - In loving
memory of Berneice Stewart who
passed away on Dec. 12, 2002.
Her cheerful smile, her heart of gold
She was the best this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories she left be-
hind.
Forever in our memories, **Brier, Dawn
and families.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

ERIKA BOLDT

**Passed away peacefully at her
home in Eagle Lake, Ontario on
December 7, 2005**

At the age of 76.

Erika will be sadly missed by her fam-
ily and friends at Eagle Lake, Ontario
and Germany. In accordance to Eri-
ka's wishes, all arrangements are pri-
vate and cremation has taken place.
Memorial donations to the Haliburton
Highlands Health Services Founda-
tion (HHHSF) or to the Humane So-
ciety of your choice would be appre-
ciated and can be arranged through
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FAX US AT:

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

JOSEPH "Joe" SHAPIERA

**Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday,
December 6, 2005 at the age of 77**

Loving husband of Eileen (nee Bara-
neski) of Minden. Dear father of David
and his wife Michele of Minden, Kevin
and his wife Clara of Bradford, An-
drew and his wife Anne of Toronto
and Grandpa Joe to Melanie, Luke,
Emily, Matthew, Phillip and Drake.
Dear brother of Ron and his wife Ellen
of Australia, Sheila and her husband
Dudley of England and predeceased
by his parents Percy and Gertrude "Nan"
Shapiera. Loving nephew of Ivy and
Charlie. Friends were invited to visit
the family at the Gordon A. Monk Fu-
neral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Min-
den (or online at www.gordon-monkfuneralhome.com.) on Friday evening
from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Then to Our
Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Min-
den for the Memorial Mass on Satur-
day, December 10, 2005 at 11:00
a.m. Reception followed in the Church
Hall. Cremation has taken place.
Memorial donations to the Canadi-
an Cancer Society or the Haliburton
Highlands Health Services Founda-
tion (HHHSF) would be appreciated
by the family.

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**DODGE, BEVERLEY "Bev" (Resi-
dent of Kennis Lake, Ontario)** -
Peacefully at her residence on Sat-
urday morning, December 10, 2005
in her 66th year. Beloved wife of Art
Dodge. Loving mother of Carrie (Mrs.
Preston Hammond) of Kincardine.
Fondly remembered by her grand-
children Michael and Ben. Dear sis-
ter of Brian Hood of Bramalea. Pre-
deceased by her son Christopher and
her grandson Jonathan. Also re-
membered by her niece Jennifer
Hood. Bev was an avid art student
with the Haliburton School of Fine
Arts. Friends may call at the HAL-
IBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL
HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, On-
tario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday af-
ternoon, December 13, 2005 from 2-
4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the
Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, De-
cember 14, 2005 at 1 o'clock. Inter-
ment Greenwood Cemetery, George-
town. As expressions of sympathy do-
nations to the Heart & Stroke Foun-
dation would be appreciated by the
family.

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460 OBITUARIES

MacDONALD, CHARLES "Stewart"
(Resident of Kennis Lake, On-
tario) - At his residence on Thursday
morning, December 8, 2005 in his
89th year. Beloved husband of the
late Mary Steven. Loving father of
Georgie (Mrs. Larry Gibson) of Hamil-
ton. Fondly remembered by his grand-
son Jonathan of Hamilton. Also lov-
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and nephews. Predeceased by his
brother Les, and his sisters Audrey,
Shirley and Winnifred. Friends may
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2005 from 10 o'clock until time of
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zheimer's Society would be appre-
ciated by the family. Online condo-
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SIMPSON, FRANK - Suddenly at
Minden Hospital on Friday morning,
December 9, 2005 in his 68th year.
Beloved husband of Elaine Simpson.
Loving father of Heather (Mrs. Richard
Paradis) of Innisfil and Shelley (Mrs.
Gary Henderson) of Innisfil. Fondly
remembered by his grandchildren
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derson. Survived by his brother Ron
Simpson. Predeceased by parents
Pat & Evelyn Simpson. Friends called
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FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Hal-
iburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on
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2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral
Service in the Chapel on Tuesday
morning, December 13, 2005 at 11
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HALIBURTON
3 bedroom, 2 storey
Haliburton Home. Large
master bedroom with
ensuite, full basement,
attached double garage.
Private, nicely land-
scaped lot.

\$239,000



HALIBURTON HOME
4 bdrm, 2 storey home.
Quality construction, 3
baths, plenty of room to
room with living room,
family room and sitting
room. 4.85 acre lot within
walking distance to town.

\$375,000



Julie Gray*
Marilyn Hawley*
457-1011
exts. 230 & 237

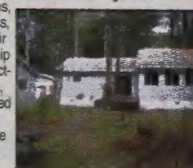
HARBURN ROAD
Private country retreat on a 2 ac
lot surrounded by hardwood
forest just 5 min from the Village
of Haliburton. Spacious LR &
bdrms w/ lots of windows,
hardwood floors in Kit & DR,
main floor laundry room, FR
w/ cedar accents, FP & w/o to
lrg deck. Unfinished bsmt for
storage, dbl attached garage
& screened in sun porch.
Recently rashed roof.
Call for an appt. to view.

\$275,000



**DEEDED ACCESS
ON BENOIR LAKE**
Warm & cozy 3 bdrm, 2 baths,
yr-rnd home w/ deeded access,
dock & sand beach on Benoir
Lake along w/ shared ownership
of wooded 3 ac parcel connect-
ed to backyard. New furnace,
decks & ensuite. Wired & heated
dbl detached garage + small
garage/bunkie. Located at the
Southern end of Algonquin
Park & just minutes from
Martin Wood golf course.

\$219,000



Bill Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44

**COUNTRY
LOG HOME**
Nestled on a nicely treed &
very private 32 acre property,
this custom built round log
home features an open concept
design. Vaulted ceiling with a
massive one-of-a-kind stone
FP 3 bdrms, office/den, 2 full
baths plus a detached 2 car
garage and barn. A must see!
Only a 10 minute drive from
Minden.

ASKING \$289,000



**HORSESHOE LAKE
ROAD**

\$198,500



Just listed! This immaculately
kept 3 bdrm bungalow in an
area of fine homes features a
stone FP, hardwood flooring,
full finished bsmt with a guest
bdrm, 2 car attached garage,
large back deck overlooking a
level landscaped 1 acre lot.
Many extras. Call Bill Kulas
today for more details.



Ken Barry* &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011
exts. 228 & 232

**DEEDED ACCESS
TO KUSHOG**
Recently finished 2 bdrm
cottage on 20 acres shows to
perfection! Bright & cheery,
open concept w/ wood laminate
flooring & airtight wood stove.
Property has rolling terrain,
hilltop views & deeded water
access. It might just be the
affordable retreat you've been
looking for!

\$149,900



NEGAUNEE LAKE
3 bdrm home/cottage w/ beautiful
southern hilltop view over
Negaunee lake. Fully winterized
w/ 4 pc bath, open living, dining,
kitchen areas. Good shoreline
and plenty of privacy. Peaceful
lakeside living can be yours on
this quiet no-motor lake!

\$169,900



Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

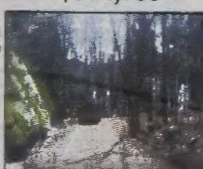
REDPINE LAKE
3 bdrm, 4 season log cottage. No
winter water, but well insulated
& cozy w/ generator & wood stove.
Several out bldgs incl 2 w/ front
& back doors. Lobo, generator,
2 canoes, 2 aluminum boats &
motors, log splitter & many other
extras & tools. Fully equipped to
move in & enjoy. Sauna, septic
& water system all work well.
Gently sloping lot w/ lovely view
of quiet & pristine Redpine Lake.

\$239,700



REDSTONE LAKE
Beautiful waterfront acreage on
Big Redstone Lake w/ over 400 ft
frontage & 8 acres of well wooded
property one side has an awesome
rock ridge for excellent privacy.
On the other side is a gradual
slope to the lake front. Driveway
is in & site is arranged. Clean
shoreline has rock & sand bottom
w/ mixed depth. Lovely Western
view up East Bay. Prime waterfront
acreage, don't miss it!

\$314,700



Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT
Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom
home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The
cottage is full of old country charm w/ wood interior & cathedral
ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



Rick Lowes*
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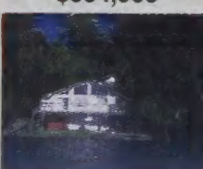
LOG HOME
Custom built 3 bedroom home
on 12 acres just minutes from
Minden, loads of upgrades &
extras, includes a detached 2
car garage & workshop.

\$229,900



KUSHOG LAKE
Executive waterfront home/cottage.
Loads of features and upgrades
includes hot tub, boats and more
call now.

\$354,900



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

SWEET & COZY
Older home, 2 bdrm, family
kitchen, lots of windows,
level lot, all on oak floor. Nice
workshop. Older metal septic
tank, but still operational.

\$159,500



**A GREAT RENTAL
OPPORTUNITY**
Here is your chance to own a
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MOORE LAKE
2+1 bdrm, 4 season WF home. Charming
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ceilings. Well designed kitchen is a "Recipe
For Success". Sunken living room with
woodstove & w/o to deck. Spacious bdrms,
main floor laundry, rec room, workshop and
storage area, single car garage and 10x10
shed/workshop, cedar dock, sand shoreline,
3 lake chain. Close to Snowmobile trails.

\$319,000



Victor Disk*
286-2911
ext. 45

DUCK LAKE ROAD
Wow! Only minutes to golfing,
skiing, snowmobiling, boating,
swimming & fishing. This 3
bdrm home is nestled esthetically
into a 5 acre lot close to
Minden. A circular staircase
sweeps from the lower, to the
main & to the upper level. From
the kitchen you can walk out
to your balcony & enjoy your
morning coffee or relax in a
bright cozy living room. For
viewing ask for Victor Disk.

\$279,000



SOUTH LAKE
This year round cottage/home is
about 2 hours to Toronto & only
minutes to Minden. A very large
kitchen makes entertaining
enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a
good size in this 1200 sq ft home.
Close to skiing, snowmobile trails
& more. This Lake boasts very
good bass fishing. Come see for
yourself. Ask for Victor Disk.

\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE
Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green
Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has
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\$219,000



Vince Duchene*
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Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home,
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Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths,
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w/o off the dining room to back deck,
large, private backyard and more. Call today
for viewing!

\$139,900



Ted Vasey*
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ext. 223

INGOLDSBY
Well maintained 1600 sq ft
bungalow. Modern oak kitchen
w/ island, w/o kitchen to rear
deck, new cedar bath with
Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main
floor laundry & new roof,
new drilled well, close to
lake access.

NOW \$169,000



BOSKUNG LAKE
Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm
cottage. Country kitchen with a
lake view, open concept living
room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter
foundation, modern septic, natural
rock lot, Western view.

ASKING \$349,000



Lenor Fulton*
Tracy Ackertblade*
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HORSESHOE LAKE
Parklike setting at Minden
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Immaculate 4 bdrm fully
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in sunken living room. Double
size garage/workshop. Please
call Tracy or Lenor.

\$379,900



**100 ACRES WITH
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This 100 ac parcel features a
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beaver pond and 10 acres of
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the road. Please call Tracy or
Lenor.

\$69,000



Melanie Vigras*
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ext. 40

GELERT ROAD
Great location between
Haliburton & Minden. Well
maintained 3 bdrm, 2 bath
home features sunken living
room w/ hardwood floors &
skylights, dining area w/ bay
window, fully finished w/o
basement, detached garage
and so much more! Call
Melanie for full details.

\$229,900



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offers 1,800 sq ft ready for
the public and your business,
with parking included.

\$275,000



IN TOWN HOME
Imagine the Christmas tree lit in
this warm, custom built home with
the family together in front of the
stone fireplace, 4 bdrms, decks
& balconies to enjoy the 21 acres
this home is nestled into.

\$469,000



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OF SALE**
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bdrm main suite, 2-1 bdrm
upper suites. Walk-out bsmt
could be fourth income. More
than one acre. Detached
garage.

INVESTMENTS\$
ONLY \$169,900



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**HALIBURTON
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